TO: Members: Governor's Task Force on Information Technology In Health Care

FROM: Governor.Ehealth

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COMMUNICATON BULLETIN

To facilitate the sharing of information with fellow Task Force members, please utilize the email at governor.ehealth@vdh.virginia.gov. This email is monitored daily and can also accommodate special communication requests.

Web site update: Stay Tuned – Operational expectations are for August 1, 2005

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

A great deal of press attention has been paid to the CMS announcement concerning Medicare providers being provided with EHR technology. This relates to the sharing of the VA system with other providers. The VA system is currently in pubic domain. The news article can be found at:
http://news.com.com/U.S.+to+offer+doctors+free+electronic+records+system/2100-1022_3-5797866.html?tag=sas.email

INTEROPERABILITY

Interoperability is a work in progress that keeps moving forward rather than a project that has a beginning, middle, and end.

The following article may be of interest:
http://www.hospitalconnect.com/hhnmostwired/jsp/articledisplay.jsp?dcrpath=HHNMOSTWIRED/PubsNewsArticleMostWired/data/050720MW_Online_Wallace&domain=HHNMOSTWIRED

MEETING NEWS

The Leading Conference For Health Information Technology Policy: At The Federal and State Levels will be held September 7-9, 2005, in Washington, D.C.
David Brailer is the keynote speaker.

www.HITSummit.com

TASK FORCE MEMBER NEWS

CHIME Member Greg Walton Receives CIO of the Year Award

Ann Arbor, MI, February 25, 2005 - CHIME member Greg Walton, Senior Vice President & CIO at Carilion Health System in Roanoke, VA, received the CHIME/HIMSS John E. Gall, Jr. CIO of the Year Award at the annual HIMSS Conference and Exhibition in Dallas, TX on February 15, 2005.

Walton has been an active member of CHIME since 1994, and currently serves on CHIME's Advocacy Committee. He is a Fellow in HIMSS and served as Chairman of HIMSS Board of Directors in 2002. His contributions to the field of healthcare IT during his tenure at Carilion are well known by his colleagues and peers.

"This award is a terrific honor and I am so thrilled to have received this recognition," stated Walton. "Carilion continues to invest in technology and great people that have helped make this possible. We are very focused upon the communities we serve. The winners of this award who have gone before me have helped lead our industry forward, and being part of this group will always be special. Thanks to CHIME and HIMSS for working together and highlighting success as we all seek to improve our health care delivery system."

The award, co-sponsored by CHIME and HIMSS, was designed to recognize IS executives who have made significant contributions to their organization and the profession in general. The award is named in honor of the late John E. Gall Jr., who pioneered implementation of the first fully integrated medical information system in the world at California's El Camino Hospital in the 1960s. Gall passed away in October of 2001.

For more information about the CHIME/HIMSS John E. Gall, Jr. CIO of the Year Award, please contact the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, 3300 Washtenaw Avenue, Suite 225, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (734) 665-0000, fax (734) 665-4922, e-mail info@cio-chime.org, http://www.cio-chime.org.

About CHIME

The College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) was formed with the dual objectives of serving the professional development needs of healthcare CIOs and advocating the more effective use of information management within healthcare. CHIME's events and activities were designed to reflect that purpose, including CIO-oriented surveys, education programs, and networking activities. With membership of over 950 CIOs, CHIME has established itself as the premier organization serving the needs of healthcare CIOs. CHIME's educational initiatives are supported by the CHIME Foundation, a group of 56 providers of healthcare IS products and services. To learn more about CHIME and the CHIME Foundation, see www.cio-chime.org.